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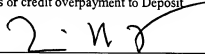
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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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US Patent No. 6,849,325 B2 is an English equivalent to EP 1 125 969 A1.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
/K.E./	US 6,849,325 B2	02/2005	Murschall, Ursula			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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